TRINIDAD SLAVES.

RETURN to an Address of The Honourable the House of Commons, dated 4th May 1826;—*for*

COPY OF ALL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Which prescribe the Time to be allowed to SLAVES in *Trinidad* for the cultivation of their Provision Grounds; Returns of Wages fixed by the Protector of Slaves for *Sunday* labour, together with the Rate of Exchange between Trinidad and England at the time such Wages were fixed.

Colonial Department,
Downing Street,
11 June 1827.

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed*, 12 *June* 1827.

Trinidad, 27th April 1827.

SIR,

IN compliance with the directions conveyed in your letter of the 7th March, I have received from the Protector and Guardian of Slaves, the information required by the House of Commons, in the memorandum inclosed in that letter, which is herewith transmitted.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Ralph Woodford.*

R. J. Wilmot Horton, Esq. M. P.
&c. &c. &c.

RPJCB

—1.—

Protector and Guardian of Slaves Office,
26 April 1827.

SIR,

IN obedience to the command contained in your Excellency's letter of the 16th inst., I have the honour to transmit to your Excellency a copy of the only regulation prescribing the time to be allowed to the Slaves in this island for the cultivation of their provision grounds.

I have also the honour to inclose a copy of the Returns of Wages fixed by me for the Sunday labour of Slaves, with the rate of Exchange between Trinidad and England at the time such wages were fixed; also showing the rate of such wages in sterling.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Henry Gloster*,
Guardian of Slaves.

His Excellency,
Sir Ralph James Woodford, Bart.
Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
&c. &c. &c.

—2.—

Copy of the second section of the second Article of an Ordinance issued by His Excellency *Thomas Picton*, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Trinidad, dated the 30th June 1800.

"Exclusive of the allowance of salt meat or fish (in which there can be no exemption), every working Negro of fourteen years and upwards, shall have a portion of land allotted to him, adequate to produce, by cultivating it, a sufficiency of ground provisions for himself and his family; and to furnish him the more effectual means of doing so, he shall be allowed the Saturday, from noon, to work in his grounds, from the first day of July to the first day of January, if he belongs to a sugar plantation; and from the first day of January until the first day of July, if he belongs to a coffee, cocoa, or magnioc plantation; he will also have his Sundays, and the four great annual holidays of Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, and Corpus Christi."

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Return of WAGES fixed by the Protector of Slaves, for *Sunday* Labour of Slaves, with the Rate of Exchange between Trinidad and England at the time such Wages were fixed; also showing the Rate of such Wages in Sterling.

——	AMOUNT in Currency.	TIME when fixed.	RATE of Exchange.	AMOUNT in Sterling.
Drivers, Boilers and Artificers of every description, per diem -	£. 0. 6. 0.	3 Dec. 1824	£. 214 C^{y}	£. 0. 2. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{62}{107}$
For any time not exceeding two hours - - - - - -	£. 0. 2. 0.	idem	idem	£. 0. 0. 11 $\frac{92}{107}$
For any time above two hours, and not exceeding four - -	£. 0. 3. 0.	idem	idem	£. 0. 1. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{31}{107}$
Field labour, per diem - -	£. 0. 4. 0.	idem	idem	£. 0. 1. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{77}{107}$
For any time not exceeding four hours - - - - - -	£. 0. 2. 0.	idem	idem	£. 0. 0. 11 $\frac{92}{107}$

(signed) *Henry Gloster,*
Guardian of Slaves.

26 April 1827.

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RETURN,

Laws and Regulations; Protector of Slaves; and Rate of Exchange.

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